Portland Ore. – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Portland) and Congresswoman Darlene Hooley (D-West Linn) will host a public forum on election integrity, featuring Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, on Friday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Council Chambers in Portland

Following allegations of voting irregularities and voter fraud in some states during the November 2004 Presidential election, both Blumenauer and Hooley heard from hundreds of Oregonians with concerns about the integrity of the electoral process. Friday's forum will provide an opportunity to address these concerns and hear from Bradbury about the merits of Oregon's vote-by-mail system in preventing fraud. Blumenauer and Hooley are strong supporters of Oregon's system as a model for the rest of the country.

The forum will feature three panels and include testimony from Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, Union County Clerk Nellie Bogue-Hibbert, Andi Miller, Executive Director of Common Cause, Margaret Noel, President of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, Nancy Matela of the Allliance for Democracy, and Jerry Adams of the Clean Vote Coalition, among others

WHO: Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley Secretary of State Bill Bradbury

WHAT: Public Forum on Election Integrity

WHERE: Metro Council Chambers

600 NE Grand Avenue

Portland

WHEN: 2:00 p.m.

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